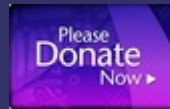




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Public Practice Schedule:

Monday

7:00 am Zazen

7:40 am Morning Chanting Service

6:00 pm Zazen

6:40 pm Evening Chanting Service

Tuesday- Friday

6:00 am Zazen

6:40 am Kinhin (walking
meditation)

6:50 am Zazen

7:20 am Chanting Service

7:40 am Soji (brief temple
cleaning)

6:00 pm Zazen

6:40 pm Chanting Service

November Sangha e-Newsletter



Attaching:

Attaching to one-mind, one-functioning, one-opinion, even one idea, results in no room for Buddha here. Buddha has nothing to uphold or to violate.



Mind-nature is originally void; there is neither pure-dharma nor impure-dharma. Nothing to be practiced, nothing to be attained, no cause and no effects.

Buddha neither upholds nor violates the precepts, neither practices good nor causes the bad, and neither endeavors to practice nor is languid. Buddha is the one who does no-thing.

As soon as you raise the thought of mind abiding somewhere or attaching to something, there is no longer room for Buddha.

When Buddha is called Buddha, it is already not Buddha. Do not raise a thought of Buddha. If you do not

Thursdays Study Hour 7:30pm

Saturday

6:30 am Zazen

7:10 am Chanting Service

7:25 am Soji

8:30 am Drop-in instruction

9:25 am Zazen

10:15 am Dharma Talk

11:00 am Refreshments/Social



realize this at all times and places, original mind cannot be grasped.

If one continuously raises thought of non-doingness without seeing the self-nature, he is a great sinner and of great ignorance.

Dwelling in blank-minded emptiness, blinded like a drunken man, he cannot distinguish the good from the bad.


If you want to practice the non-doing-dharma, see the self-nature first. And then rest the thoughts stemming from the outer perspectives. Before seeing the self-nature, there is no place to enlighten and no place to attain.


[Gateway to Sōn \(Ch'an\)](#)- Bodhidharma's On Lineage/On Mind-Watching, Pojo's Direct Talk on the True Mind/Mind Cultivation, Edited by Ven. Master Hye Am Choi, Translated by Myo Bong Shin



Mount Seat Ceremony Oct 13th 2013

Upcoming Events:

 **Dharma Talks-** [Rev. Myō Lahey](#) - Nov 23, 30, Dec 7,21,28 @10:15am

 **Guest Speaker Saturdays - Dec 14 [Beata Chapman](#);**
2014 Jan 18 [Shosan Victoria Austin](#); @10:15am, Feb 8 [Keiryu Lien Shutt](#).

HIV Meditation Sitting Group

weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!
Thursdays & Fridays

10:30 am zazen

11:00 am garden socializing

Women's Sangha

(Women only)

weekly meditation group for women including guest speakers & socializing
Tuesdays

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Meditation in Recovery

(Men & Women)

weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction

Fridays, 7:30 pm - 9 pm

Women's Meditation in Recovery

(Women only)

monthly meditation group for women in recovery from addiction.
First Thursdays

7:15 pm - 8:45 pm

Mar 8 [Jeffrey Schneider](#)

● [Full Moon Ceremony](#)- Saturday, Dec 14, 2013 @ 11am - The Full Cold or Full Long Nights, Moon.

● [Sangha Council](#)- Nov 23 @ 12:30pm

● [Founder's Memorial](#)- Issan's Memorial is generally on the 6th of the month, & the memorial for Philip Whalen is generally on the 26th @ 6:40pm

● [Study Hour](#)- The Book of Serenity, we have books to share, we read together, feel free to drop-in - **Thursdays @7:30pm**

● [Winter Light Retreat/Sesshin](#)- Dec 4th evening thru Dec 8th mid-day ([click here for more details](#))

● [Rohatsu Ceremony](#)- Dec 7, 2013 @11am

● [Jukai Ceremony](#) (Henry Matallana & Chris Fletcher) - Dec 8, 2013 @Noon

● [New Year Ceremony & Celebration](#)- Dec 31, 2013 @7:30pm - 12:00am Jan 1, 2014

● [HSZC will be closed the following upcoming days](#)- Wed Nov 27 closed after 7:50am; Closed Thurs Nov 28 all day - until 6pm Fri Nov 29; Dec 9,24,25,26 all day; Closed Dec 31st until 7:30pm for New year Celebration/Ceremony; Closed Jan 1, 2014 - all day and Jan 2nd 2014 morning. Open 6pm Jan 2nd 2014.

● [Next Board of Directors' Meeting](#)- Second Wednesdays of the month: **December 11th @7:30pm** (you're welcome to attend & observe)

Words from Our Abbot: Rev Myō Lahey

Dharma Transmission – [Wind Bell \(Teachings of SF Zen Center 1968-2001\), edited by Michael Wenger.](#)

Amid rain and snow I spent March of '99 at Tassajara, performing the Dharma Transmission ceremony with my teacher, Reb Anderson. It was physically challenging for me, and deeply affecting on many levels. The students who were at Tassajara at the time, and particularly those who were able to volunteer to provide various kinds of "practical support" for the ceremony, will always have my profound gratitude, as will the preceptor Linda Ruth Cutts, Tanto Vicki Austin, Chief Jisha Fu Schroeder, and Abbot's assistant Kokai Roberts; my gratitude to my teacher is beyond comment. Near midnight on the final night, a dazzling moon flooded the space in front of the kaisando as I stood there alone, preparing to enter. The sliding door to the chamber was ajar, and the draperies, lit from behind, leaked red light, red as your own blood. That's really all I have to say.



Oct 2013, Mountain Seat Ceremony
Henry Matallana, Daigon Gaither, David Bullock

From the Garden:

Zen Poems – Selected and Edited by Peter Harris

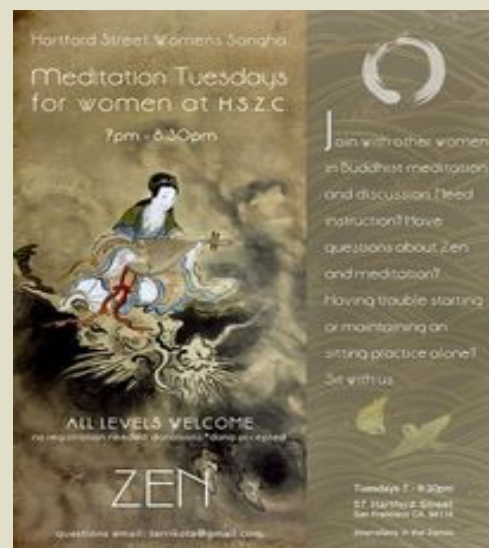
An Autumn in the Hills

Through empty hills new washed by rain
As dusk descends the autumn comes;
Bright moonlight falls through pines,
Clear springs flow over stones;
The Bamboo rustles as girls return from washing,

Lotus flowers stir as a fishing boat casts off;
Faded the fragrance of spring,
Yet, friend, there is enough to keep you here

Wang Wei Tr. Yang Xianyi and Galdys Yang

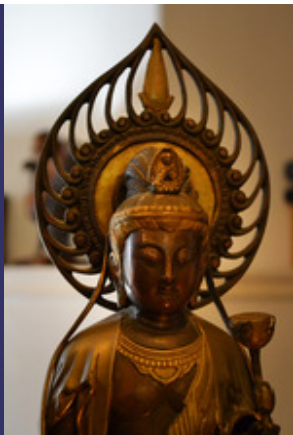
HSZC's Mountain Seat and Rev. Myō in the local neighborhood news!
Please be sure to check the [BAR \(Bay Area Reporter\)](#) November 21st
issue for an article about our recent Mountain Seat Ceremony and
Interview with Rev Myō Lahey.



Hartford Street History: [Bernie Glassman reflections on Issan Dorsey:](#)

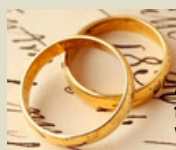
In my experience, many people come to Zen practice because they love the stories of Zen masters of long ago. They love reading about outrageous teachers who said strange things and acted in even stranger ways, seeming like children, fools, and even madmen to the rest of society.

It has also been my experience that while we love these characters that lived hundreds of years ago, we don't love them so much while they're still living. We don't always love our present day madmen and eccentrics, for these are the people who manifest our shadow. They live in the cracks – not just of our society but of our psyche. They put in our faces those qualities in ourselves that we'd prefer not to see – a refusal to conform, a refusal to “grow up,” a



human being who ignores conventions and acceptable standards of behavior and makes up his life as he goes along.

I think of Issan Dorsey as the shadow in many people's lives. ([Click here for the rest of article](#))



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